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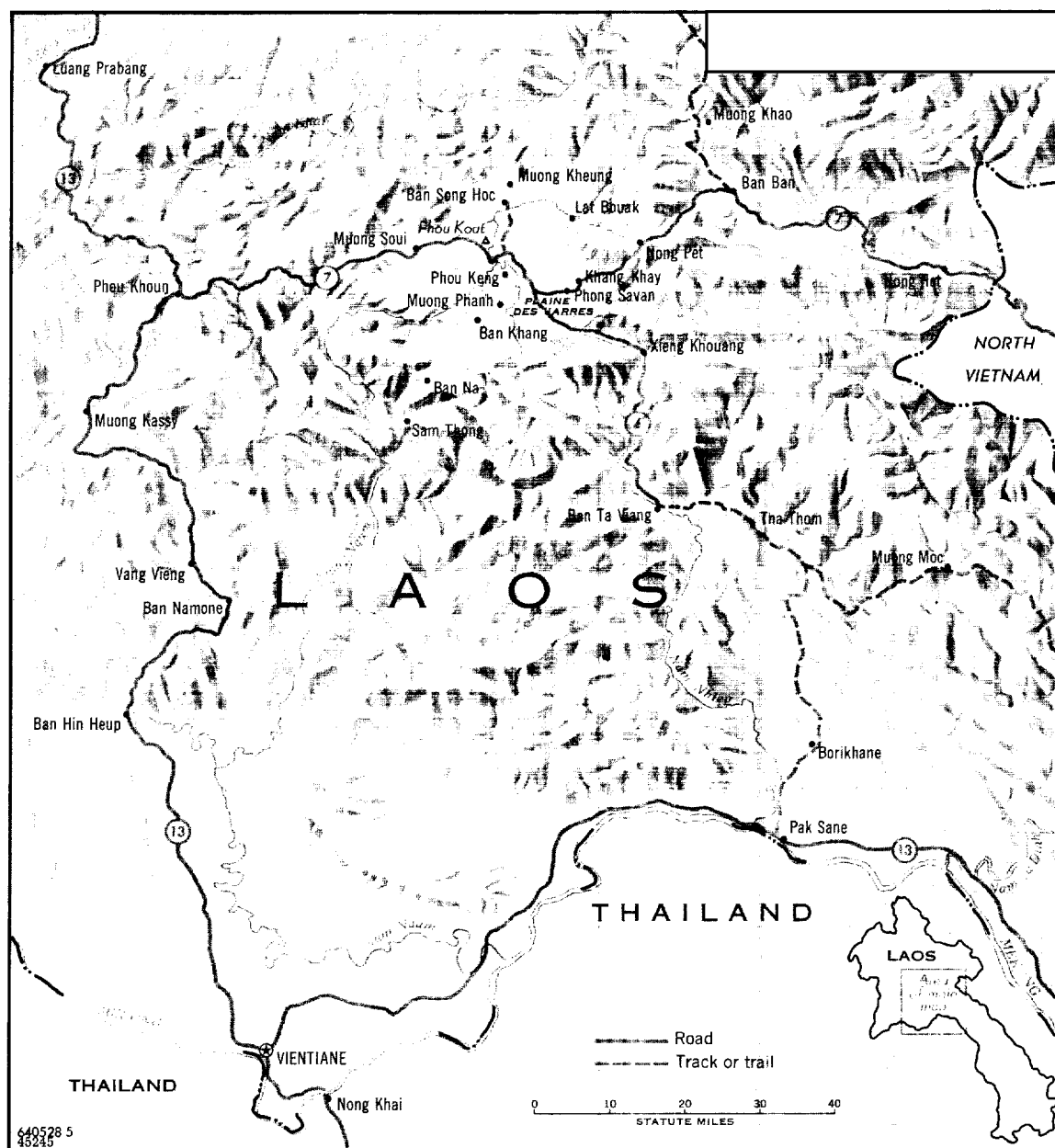
*India: Less than a week after Nehru's death, his loyal lieutenant Lal Bahadur Shastri was this morning elected the Congress Party's parliamentary leader by a unanimous vote.

Unity was stressed by having the nomination proposed by left-leaning interim Prime Minister Nanda and seconded by conservative former Finance Minister Desai, Shastri's most serious challenger until he finally pulled out of the contest yesterday. Party fissures have run deep over the selection, however, and will be a long time--if ever--in closing.

The moderate Shastri will be asked promptly by President Radhakrishnan to form a government, a process in which the new leader will make his first conciliatory gestures. At least initially, the new government may resemble closely the government over which Nehru presided.

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*Laos: The Pathet Lao are again proposing tri-partite talks.

On 31 May, Pathet Lao leader Souphannouvong sent a message to Premier Souvanna and General Phoumi urging a renewal of the Plaine des Jarres talks, which had been broken off just prior to the 19 April coup. Asserting that the situation was becoming "extremely dangerous," Souphannouvong called for "immediate" talks so as to "create conditions necessary for the government to resume its functions."

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The military situation remains relatively quiet in the Plaine des Jarres area, with little ground action reported. In other areas, rightist forces have made limited gains against Pathet Lao positions in the region southwest of Vang Vieng and have also recorded some advances near Ban Ta Viang, southeast of the Plaine. Pathet Lao forces are pressing clearing operations against right-wing elements north of Muong Moc near the North Vietnamese border.

The small Laotian air force is continuing active. On 1 June, air support was provided to the rightist units near Vang Vieng and eight sorties were launched against Pathet Lao targets in the Plaine des Jarres area.

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*British Guiana: Mrs. Janet Jagan resigned yesterday as minister of home affairs for reasons which are not yet clear. She has, for some time, been at odds with the British commissioner of police. As recently as last week, she was unresponsive to his appeals to tighten emergency regulations now in force. Although her resignation may have resulted from British insistence on stronger measures against continuing racial violence, she may be eager to devote more time to her duties as general secretary of the People's Progressive Party.7

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